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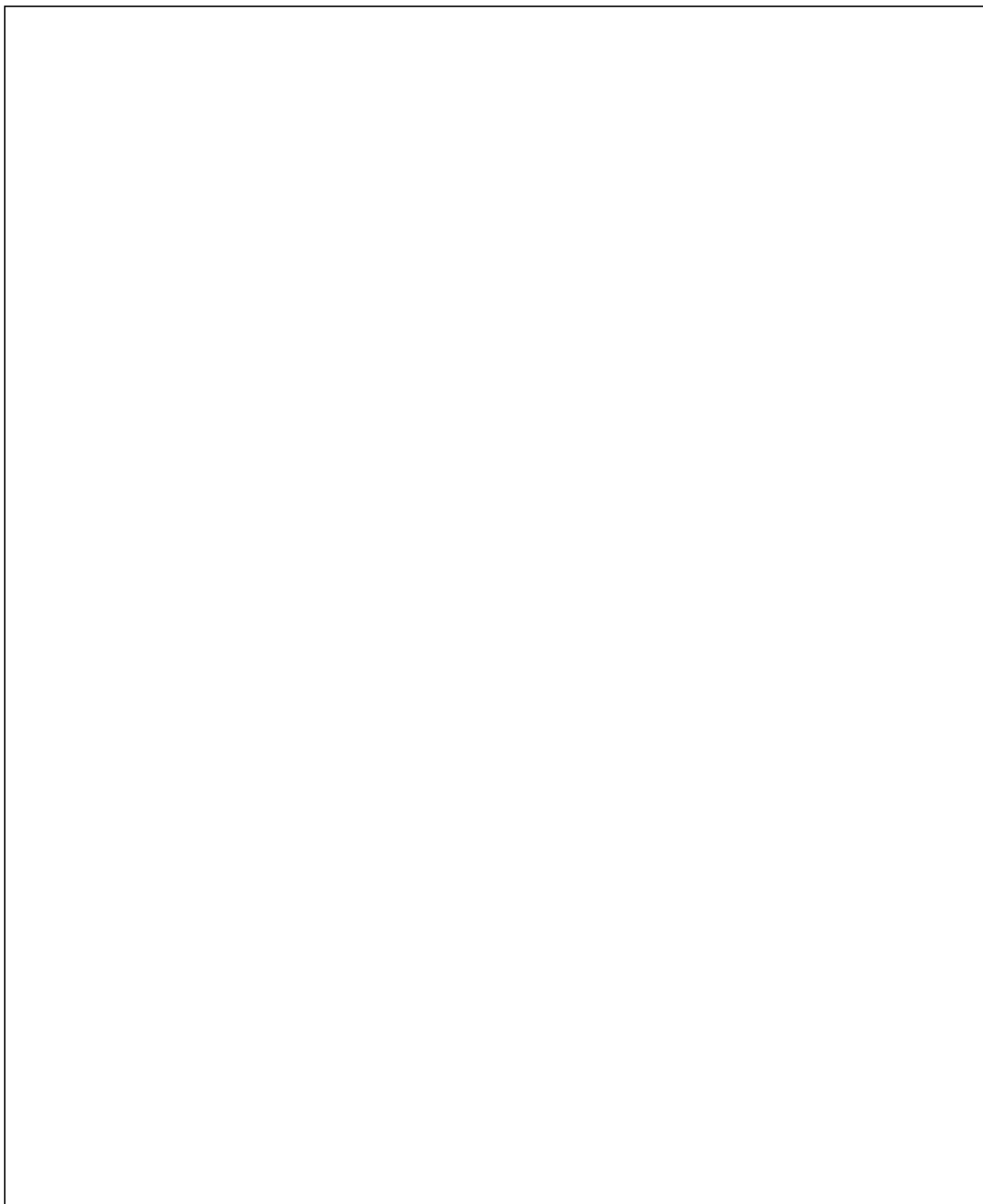
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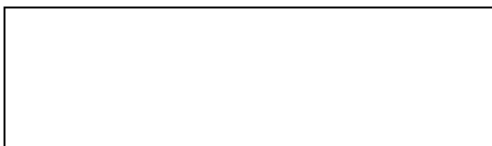
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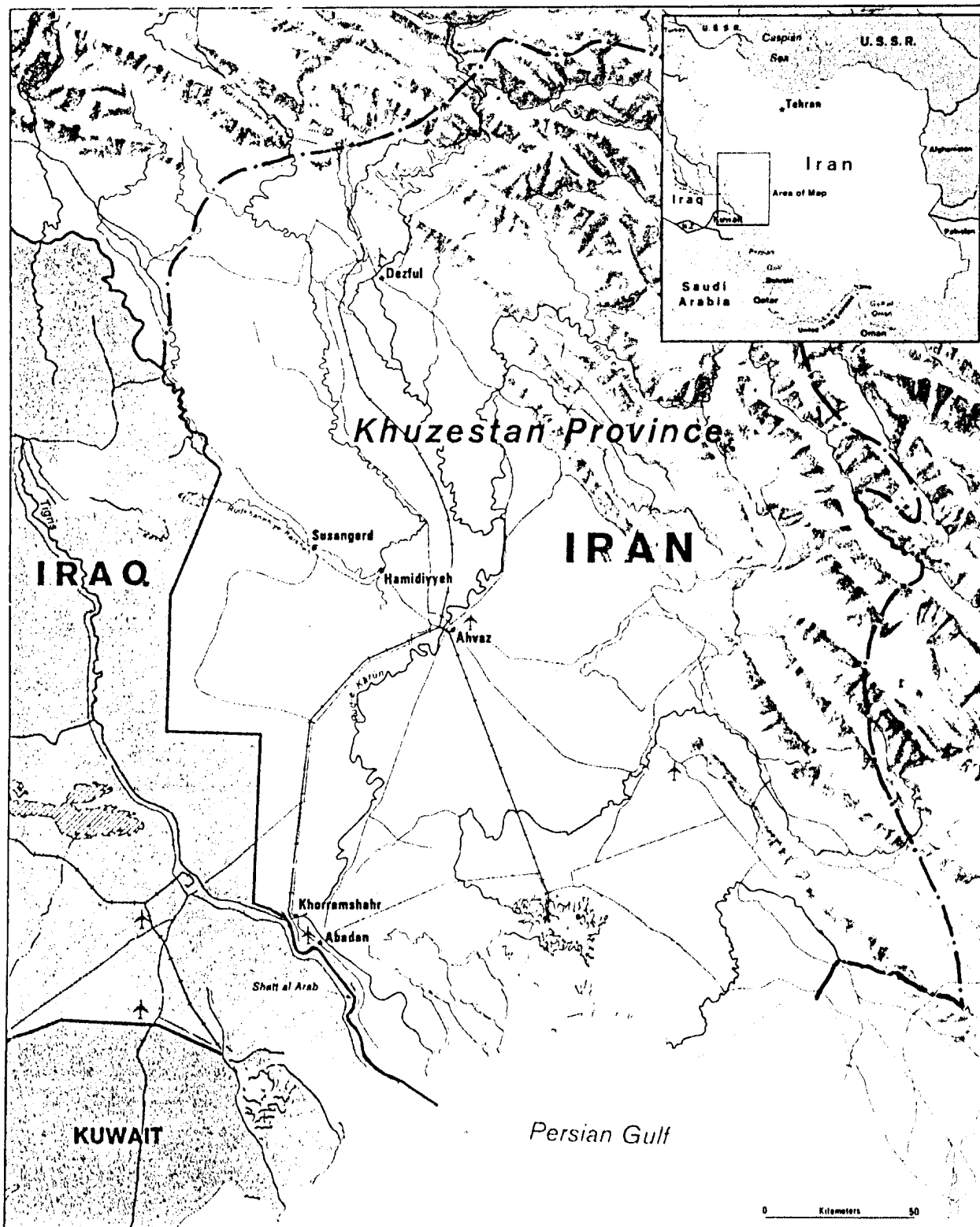
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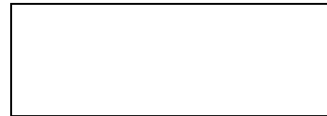
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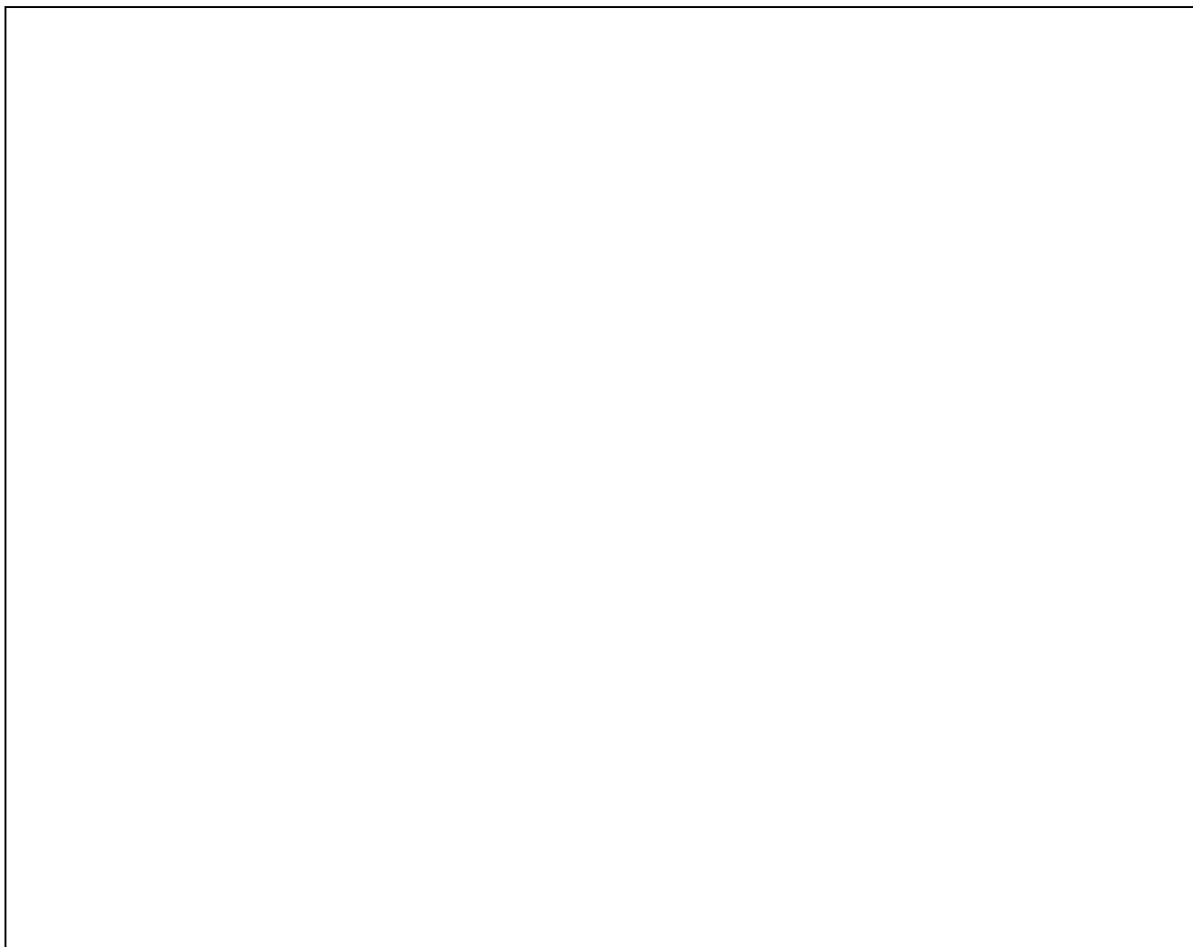
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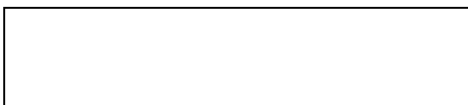
*Iranian forces are counterattacking at Dezful while Iraqi forces concentrate on fighting in the Khorramshahr-Abadan area and moving additional forces to the area northwest of Ahvaz.*



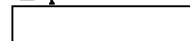
Rajai's Visit to US



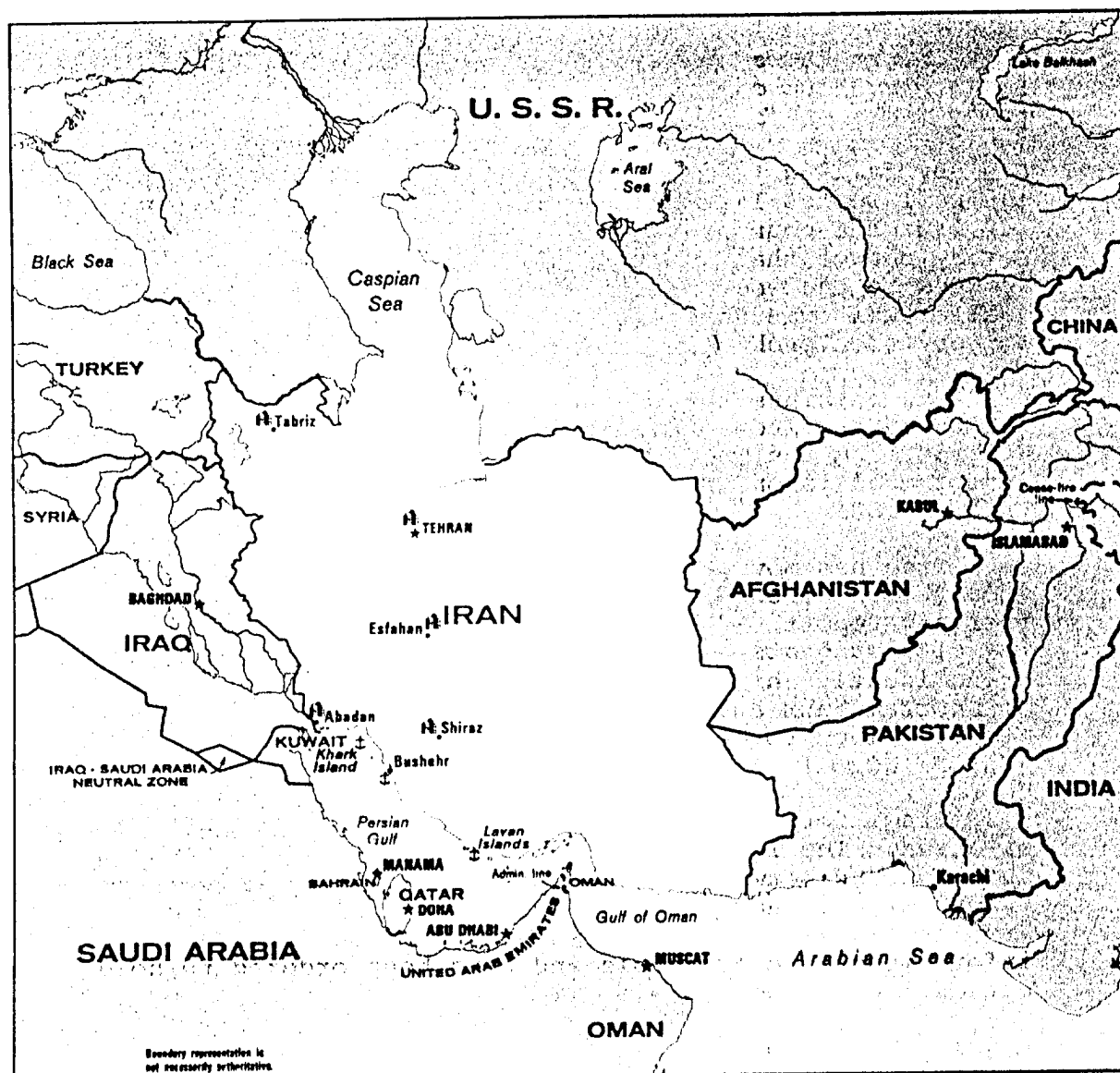
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Rajai

probably hopes to enhance his own political standing in Iran by taking a hardline against Iraq in the Security Council and by publicly rebuffing any US offer to negotiate the hostage crisis. [REDACTED]

Jet Fuel Shortages

[REDACTED]

Periodic sorties against Iraqi targets, including Baghdad, will continue in order to keep the Iraqis off balance and to demonstrate that Iran still has the capability to strike deep inside Iraq. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Before the outbreak of hostilities, the Abadan refinery was the primary source of Iranian jet fuel, producing roughly 30,000 barrels per day. Three older refineries normally produced about 1,000 barrels per day each. [REDACTED]

However, if one of the two hydro-cracking units at the new Esfahan refinery has started up, another 9,000 barrels per day of jet fuel could be produced. The status of these units is unknown; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

While jet engines can run on a number of similar products, severe damage to engines can result from using nonstandard fuels. The availability of additives such as antifreeze could be critical. Given Iran's need to preserve equipment, it is unlikely they would use straight kerosene in their aircraft except in dire circumstances.

[REDACTED]

Resupply Efforts

Iran and Iraq are attempting to purchase large quantities of medical supplies suggesting that both sides are preparing for a protracted struggle. Neither side was prepared medically for the current conflict and most supplies have been depleted. [REDACTED]

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Mediation

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[redacted] Cuba's Foreign Minister Malmierca stopped over in Moscow between stops in Baghdad and Tehran during his mediation trip earlier this week and was seen off by Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Korniyenko, suggesting that the two consulted on the Cuban efforts. [redacted]

Gulf Shipping

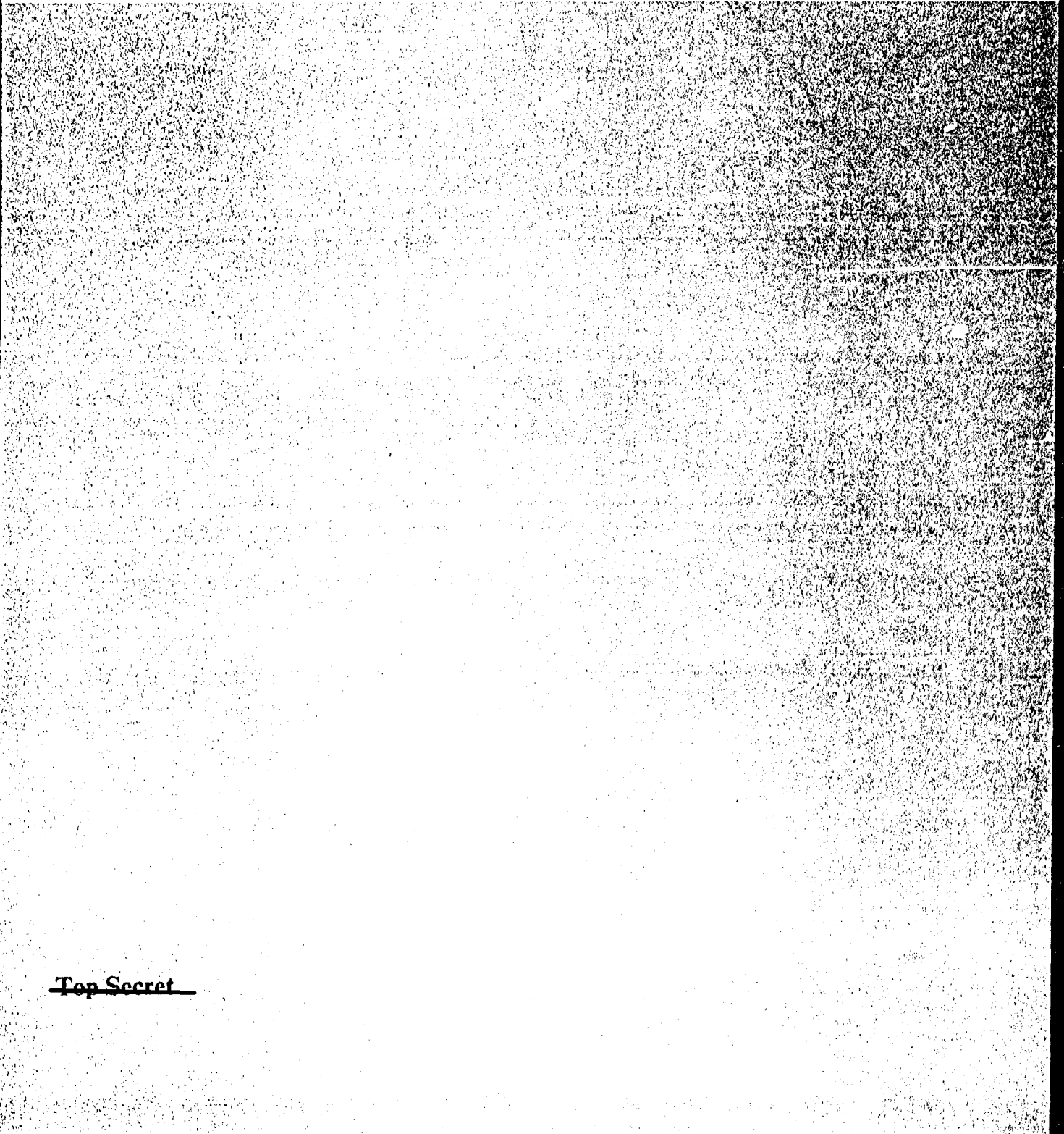
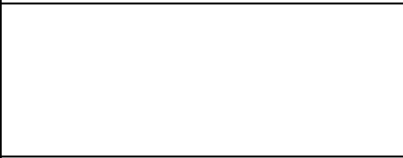
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Iraq yesterday officially rejected a United Nations proposal for evacuation under the UN flag of ships trapped in the disputed Shatt al Arab waterway. Iran on Monday had indicated that it would agree to the proposal if Iraq did so. (U) [redacted]

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